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Victim Compensation Application: Information Update

For crimes that occur **on or after November 5, 2010**, applicants will now be eligible to apply for additional compensable expenses (up to a maximum of \$25,000 per crime) as a result of the passage of statutory changes to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act and its associated regulations.

In addition to the existing compensation for uninsured medical and dental care, mental health counseling, funeral and burial expenses, and income lost due to the inability to work, applicants may be eligible for the following new expenses:

- ☐ Funeral/burial expenses costs up to \$6500 (from the previous allocation of \$4000)
- ☐ Ancillary expenses for additional funeral/burial expenses up to \$800. This may include certain travel to accompany the victim to the burial site or memorial markers
- ☐ Professional crime scene cleanup services at a private home or motor vehicle for costs up to \$1500
- ☐ Replacement of bedding or clothing taken as evidence or unusable as a result of a criminal investigation up to \$250
- ☐ Security measures to reasonably address the safety concerns of a victim or family member up to \$500
- ☐ Mental health counseling to a non-offending parent of an eligible child victim

Should you have any questions about these compensable expenses, completion of the Crime Victims Compensation Application, or additional information concerning other crime victim services, please contact the Victim Compensation & Assistance Division at 617-727-2200.

Victim Compensation Application Addendum
(For Crimes Occurring on or after November 5, 2010, only)

I. Victim Information

Victim's Name _____ ☐ Female ☐ Male

Mailing Address: _____

II. Applicant Information (if different than victim)

Applicant's Name: _____ ☐ Female ☐ Male

Mailing Address: _____

III. Expenses (Please Check the additional expenses you are applying for regarding a crime occurring on or after November 5, 2010):

☐ Ancillary funeral/burial expenses

☐ Crime scene cleanup

☐ Security measures

☐ Counseling for non-offending
parents of a child victim

☐ Replacement bedding/clothing

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

**VICTIM COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION CHECKLIST FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES
(FOR CRIMES ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 5, 2010 ONLY)**

- 1. Ancillary Funeral/Burial Expenses:** Costs associated with interment other than funeral and burial services. This may include transportation of the victim to the place of interment, travel of a family member or legal guardian to accompany the deceased to their final resting place, and memorial markers. Limit: \$800

 - ☐ Receipts, bills of service, *bona fide* contracts for service, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment or liability
 - ☐ Receipts for travel expenses for family member or legal guardian
- 2. Professional Crime Scene Cleanup:** For services provided by licensed professionals (OSHA & MA-DPH compliant) to clean a home, rental property, or vehicle owned or rented by the victim, family member, or dependent that is the scene of a violent crime (within the meaning of G.L. c. 258C). Limit: \$1500

 - ☐ Receipts, bills of service, or a *bona fide* contract for services, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment or liability
- 3. Replacement Bedding/Clothing:** Cost of replacing clothing or bedding in the victim's possession at the time of the crime that have been seized by law enforcement or can no longer be used due to a criminal investigation. Limit: \$250

 - ☐ Receipts, bills of services, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment or liability
- 4. Security Measures:** Costs associated with the purchase or use of security devices that would reasonably address the safety concerns of the victim of a violent crime or family member(s) living with the victim at the time of the crime. This may include external and internal doors and locks, exterior windows and locks, security systems, and reprogramming security codes. Limit: \$ 500

 - ☐ Receipts, bills of service, *bona fide* contract for service, cancelled checks, or other proof of payment or liability
- 5. Mental Health Counseling Expenses for Non-offending Parents:** Non-offending parents of an eligible child victim can submit their mental health expenses for treatment related to the impact of the crime.

 - ☐ Name and address of your counselor
 - ☐ Receipts, bills of services, or cancelled checks